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Leahy on Lie-Detector Tests

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (UPI) — Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, says he would have "no problem" with putting key senators and aides through lie-detector tests to find out who was disclosing national security information to the public.

Mr. Leahy, who is the vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Friday, in the television interview program "Evans and Novak," on the Cable News Network, that he would accept the idea of taking polygraph, or lie-detector, tests if they were administered broadly and without discrimination.

Asked whether it would be wrong to

give senators and staff members on the intelligence committee lie-detector tests, Mr. Leahy said, "I have no problem with that provided we ought to do the same thing to all those people in the Administration who have exactly the same access."

President Reagan has ordered an investigation of the disclosure of sensitive information after a report published in The Washington Post that he authorized the Central Intelligence Agency to destabilize the rule of the Libyan leader, Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi.

Mr. Leahy said such disclosures had gotten out of hand in recent years.